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Area Wage Survey
Raleigh-Durham, NC
May 1990

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This summary presents results of a May 1990 survey of occupational wages in the Raleigh-Durham Metropolitan Statistical Area, which consists of Durham, Franklin, Orange, and Wake Counties. This is 1 of over 110 areas which the Bureau of Labor Statistics surveys annually or every other year at the request of the Employment Standards Administration of the U.S. Department of Labor for use in administering the Service Contract Act of 1965. In addition, the Bureau conducts more extensive studies of occupational wages and related benefits in 90 other areas throughout the United States. For information on these reports and other Bureau publications, contact any BLS regional office identified on the back page.

This study covered establishments employing 50 workers or more in manufacturing; transportation, communication, and other public utilities; wholesale trade; retail trade; finance, insurance, and real estate; and selected services. A sample of 126 establishments employing 65,508 workers was selected to represent 555 establishments employing 132,269 workers in the area. Data collected in the sample of establishments were projected to represent all establishments within the scope of the survey.

Table 1 provides hourly earnings information on office and plant workers employed in selected occupations common to a variety of industries. Occupational classification was based on a uniform set of job descriptions designed to take account of variations in job duties among establishments. The job descriptions used in the survey are available on request. (See table 2 for further information on the scope of the survey.)

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Table 1. Hourly earnings[1] of selected occupations in Raleigh-Durham, NC, May 1990

Occupation[2]	Number of workers	Hourly earnings (in dollars)[1]			Number of workers receiving straight-time hourly earnings (in dollars) of —																					
		Mean	Median	Middle range	3.80 and under 4.00	4.00 – 4.50	4.50 – 5.00	5.00 – 5.50	5.50 – 6.00	6.00 – 7.00	7.00 – 8.00	8.00 – 9.00	9.00 – 10.00	10.00 – 11.00	11.00 – 12.00	12.00 – 13.00	13.00 – 14.00	14.00 – 15.00	15.00 – 16.00	16.00 – 17.00	17.00 – 18.00	18.00 – 19.00	19.00 – 20.00	20.00 – 21.00	21.00 – 22.00	22.00 – 23.00	23.00 and over
Secretaries	1,572	10.53	10.16	9.09–11.91	–	–	–	–	–	47	150	179	366	273	179	148	102	64	29	12	18	3	2	1	1	–	–
Secretaries I	335	9.27	9.18	8.27– 9.93	–	–	–	–	–	15	47	66	139	33	22	5	6	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Secretaries II	368	9.12	9.23	7.81–10.02	–	–	–	–	–	30	63	49	132	63	11	20	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Secretaries III	511	10.59	10.45	9.25–11.58	–	–	–	–	–	2	40	64	79	136	103	44	15	12	4	1	10	1	–	–	–	–	–
Secretaries IV	335	12.82	12.84	11.68–13.95	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	16	41	43	79	79	47	20	6	2	2	–	–	–	–	–
Secretaries V	23	16.64	16.38	15.60–17.42	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	5	5	5	4	–	2	1	1	–
Typists	39	7.68	6.75	6.75– 7.66	–	–	–	–	1	22	11	–	–	–	–	5	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Word processors	203	8.95	8.57	8.05– 9.58	–	–	–	–	–	17	25	84	38	14	13	12	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Word processors I	103	8.07	8.11	7.61– 8.50	–	–	–	–	–	16	23	50	11	3	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Word processors II	100	9.85	9.58	8.63–10.98	–	–	–	–	–	1	2	34	27	11	13	12	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Key entry operators	400	7.70	7.62	6.65– 8.55	–	1	2	1	19	110	90	136	25	10	5	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Key entry operators I	363	7.56	7.50	6.58– 8.34	–	1	2	1	19	110	84	124	13	6	2	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Key entry operators II	37	9.07	9.18	8.38– 9.83	–	–	–	–	–	–	6	12	12	4	3	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
File clerks	43	6.63	5.80	5.31– 7.74	–	–	6	7	7	7	4	3	7	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
File clerks II	18	7.83	7.74	6.31– 9.81	–	–	1	–	–	7	4	1	5	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Switchboard operators	64	6.52	6.25	6.18– 6.73	–	–	2	2	3	44	9	2	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Switchboard operator-receptionists	247	7.10	6.95	6.15– 8.05	–	–	–	3	18	113	48	54	4	7	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Order clerks	122	8.14	7.79	7.00– 9.79	–	–	–	2	–	23	42	21	23	6	3	–	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Order clerks I	41	8.79	8.21	7.62–10.58	–	–	–	2	–	6	12	4	6	6	3	–	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Accounting clerks	861	9.04	8.60	7.68– 9.98	–	–	–	1	13	97	207	182	149	73	41	29	51	16	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Accounting clerks I	53	7.46	6.92	6.73– 8.30	–	–	–	–	–	30	1	20	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Accounting clerks II	548	8.52	8.42	7.58– 9.23	–	–	–	1	7	54	171	117	123	59	12	2	–	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Accounting clerks III	188	10.11	9.75	8.08–12.29	–	–	–	–	2	9	35	28	24	13	27	16	32	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Accounting clerks IV	64	11.99	13.06	8.00–13.53	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	17	–	1	2	11	19	12	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Payroll clerks	78	9.40	9.20	8.17–10.29	–	–	–	–	4	2	6	21	24	10	3	–	–	8	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Computer systems analysts	398	21.43	21.05	18.26–24.28	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	10	4	12	15	32	23	31	40	31	36	33	*130
Computer systems analysts I	58	16.88	16.37	13.47–19.31	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	10	4	10	4	3	3	6	6	1	4	3	3
Computer systems analysts II	164	19.24	19.22	17.02–20.95	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	11	27	12	18	31	23	20	15	5
Computer systems analysts III	111	22.61	23.05	21.13–24.28	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	8	7	3	7	12	15	57
Computer programmers:																											
Computer programmers III	228	16.73	16.46	15.14–17.92	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	9	1	28	54	38	44	17	21	8	7	1	–
Computer operators	530	10.23	9.75	8.98–11.80	–	–	–	–	4	18	39	72	161	52	63	66	31	16	5	2	1	–	–	–	–	–	–
Computer operators II	250	9.26	9.23	8.38– 9.83	–	–	–	–	4	18	19	47	109	18	18	8	9	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Computer operators III	155	10.40	10.25	9.38–11.39	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	19	51	31	32	15	3	2	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Peripheral equipment operators	66	7.64	7.23	6.49– 8.45	–	–	–	–	–	32	14	8	8	4	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Drafters	99	12.72	12.69	12.69–12.73	–	–	–	–	–	–	3	–	7	–	1	64	9	4	10	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Drafters III	7	10.11	9.10	– –	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	5	–	1	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Drafters IV	23	13.41	13.10	12.43–14.30	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	11	6	4	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Electronics technicians	545	13.35	13.76	10.92–16.04	–	–	–	–	2	–	–	88	12	37	43	54	50	53	40	138	18	–	–	–	5	5	–
Electronics technicians II	324	14.67	15.23	12.94–16.04	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	5	26	51	33	42	25	122	15	–	–	–	5	–	–
Electronics technicians III	71	15.46	15.19	13.88–16.45	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	3	17	11	15	16	3	–	–	–	–	5	–
Registered industrial nurses	15	14.82	14.61	14.23–15.87	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	8	3	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 1. Hourly earnings[1] of selected occupations in Raleigh-Durham, NC, May 1990 --Continued

Occupation[2]	Number of workers	Hourly earnings (in dollars)[3]			Number of workers receiving straight-time hourly earnings (in dollars) of —																				
		Mean	Median	Middle range	3.80 and under 4.00	4.00 – 4.50	4.50 – 5.00	5.00 – 5.50	5.50 – 6.00	6.00 – 7.00	7.00 – 8.00	8.00 – 9.00	9.00 – 10.00	10.00 – 11.00	11.00 – 12.00	12.00 – 13.00	13.00 – 14.00	14.00 – 15.00	15.00 – 16.00	16.00 – 17.00	17.00 – 18.00	18.00 – 19.00	19.00 – 20.00	20.00 – 21.00	21.00 – 22.00	22.00 – 23.00	23.00 and over
Maintenance carpenters	17	13.62	12.09	12.09–17.31	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	10	–	–	–	–	5	–	–	–	–	–
Maintenance electricians	145	15.34	15.63	15.22–16.61	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	26	2	3	76	13	21	2	–	1	–	–	–
Maintenance machinists	123	15.29	15.63	13.43–17.06	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	25	8	1	50	–	39	–	–	–	–	–	–
Maintenance mechanics (machinery)	151	12.50	11.10	10.55–14.79	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	55	37	14	1	7	5	30	1	–	–	–	–	–	–
Maintenance pipefitters	18	15.79	17.06	12.90–17.06	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	5	–	–	2	–	10	1	–	–	–	–	–
Motor vehicle mechanics	108	13.96	14.81	12.08–16.14	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3	9	7	7	12	10	17	12	19	7	–	5	–	–	–	–
General maintenance workers	196	7.56	7.52	6.20– 9.19	–	–	22	–	19	44	21	26	45	19	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Tool and die makers	120	15.29	15.63	14.80–15.63	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	2	35	82	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Stationary engineers	17	14.00	12.09	12.09–17.06	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	2	5	1	–	–	–	7	–	–	–	–	–	–
Truckdrivers	1,341	9.83	7.68	6.50–13.20	–	–	17	48	135	280	229	61	7	67	47	37	110	–	–	303	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Truckdrivers, light truck	264	5.87	5.80	5.60– 6.00	–	–	17	48	121	33	45	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Truckdrivers, medium truck	399	12.66	16.04	7.50–16.04	–	–	–	–	2	78	42	11	2	2	–	24	8	–	–	230	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Truckdrivers, heavy truck	167	7.28	6.99	6.62– 7.79	–	–	–	–	4	82	46	30	–	–	5	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Truckdrivers, tractor-trailer	511	10.51	10.82	7.09–13.20	–	–	–	–	8	87	96	20	5	65	42	13	102	–	–	73	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Shippers	39	7.50	7.70	7.40– 7.70	–	–	–	–	3	1	32	2	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Material handling laborers	162	9.25	9.38	9.38– 9.38	–	–	–	2	–	8	4	20	93	25	10	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Forklift operators	260	8.78	7.12	7.12– 9.38	–	–	–	–	1	11	130	–	57	–	27	34	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Guards	581	5.20	4.50	4.25– 5.50	24	202	113	91	23	76	26	8	1	2	–	15	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Guards I	581	5.20	4.50	4.25– 5.50	24	202	113	91	23	76	26	8	1	2	–	15	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Janitors, porters, and cleaners	1,858	4.53	4.10	3.80– 4.75	667	527	218	179	63	101	50	45	1	7	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

[1] Excludes premium pay for overtime and for work on weekends, holidays, and late shifts. Also excluded are performance bonuses and lump-sum payments of the type negotiated in the auto and aerospace industries, as well as profit-sharing payments, attendance bonuses, Christmas or year-end bonuses, and other nonproduction bonuses. Pay increases—but not bonuses—under cost-of-living allowance clauses and incentive payments, however, are included. Hourly earnings reported for salaried workers are derived from regular salaries divided by the corresponding standard hours of work. The wages of learners, apprentices, and handicapped workers are excluded. The mean is computed for each job by totaling the earnings of all workers and dividing by the number of workers. The median designates position—one-half of the workers receive the same as or more than this rate and one-half receive the same as or less than this rate. The middle range is defined by two rates of pay; one-fourth of the workers earn the same as or less than the lower of these rates and one-fourth earn the same as or more than the higher rate. Middle ranges are not provided when fewer than 15 workers are reported.

[2] For occupations with more than one level, data are included in the overall classification when a subclassification is not shown or information to subclassify is not available.

[3] Workers were distributed as follows: 22 at 23.00 to 24.00; 22 at 24.00 to 25.00; 19 at 25.00 to 26.00; 11 at 26.00 to 27.00; 11 at 27.00 to 28.00; 9 at 28.00 to 29.00; and 36 at 29.00 and over.

Table 2. Establishments and workers within scope of survey and number studied in Raleigh-Durham, NC,[1] May 1990

Industry division[2]	Minimum employment in establishments in scope of survey	Number of establishments		Workers in establishments		
		Within scope of survey[3]	Studied	Within scope of survey[4]		Studied
				Number	Percent	
All divisions	50	555	126	132,269	100	65,508
Manufacturing	50	127	28	49,146	37	32,585
Nonmanufacturing[5]	50	428	98	83,123	63	32,923

[1] The Raleigh-Durham Metropolitan Statistical Area, as defined by the Office of Management and Budget through October 1984, consists of Durham, Franklin, Orange, and Wake Counties. The "workers within scope of survey" estimates shown in this table provide a reasonably accurate description of the size and composition of the labor force included in the survey. The estimates are not intended, however, to serve as a basis for comparison with other statistical series to measure employment trends or levels since (1) planning of wage surveys requires the use of establishment data compiled considerably in advance of the payroll period studied, and (2) small establishments are excluded from the scope of the survey.

[2] The *Standard Industrial Classification Manual* was used in classifying establishments by industry. All government operations are excluded from the scope of the survey.

[3] Includes all establishments with total employment at or above the minimum limitation. All outlets (within a metropolitan area or nonmetropolitan county) of nonmanufacturing companies are considered as one establishment when located within the same industry division.

[4] Includes all workers in all establishments with total employment (within the area) at or above the minimum limitation.

[5] Includes transportation, communication, and other public utilities (excluding taxicabs and services incidental to water transportation); wholesale trade; retail trade; finance, insurance, and real estate; hotels and other lodging places; personal services; business services; automotive repair services and garages; motion pictures; membership organizations (excluding religious organizations); and miscellaneous services. Major industries excluded from this survey are agriculture; mining; construction; and some services (notably educational institutions and medical services).

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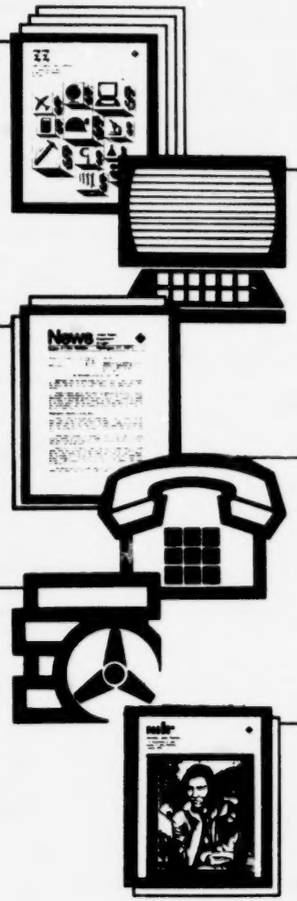

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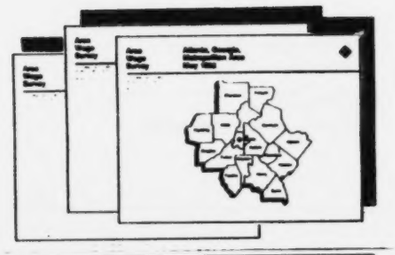

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☐ Bradenton, FL, June 1989	3050-15	$1.50
☐ Buffalo, NY, Oct. 1988	3045-52	$2.25
☐ Champaign—Urbana—Rantoul, IL, Aug. 1988	3045-30	$2.25
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☐ Chicago, IL, July 1989	3050-34	$2.25
☐ Cincinnati, OH—KY—IN, July 1989	3050-27	$2.75
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☐ Dallas—Fort Worth, TX, Dec. 1989	3050-51	$2.25
☐ Danbury, CT, July 1989	3050-18	$1.50
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